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Please cancel Claims 2, 31 and 36, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for securely transporting objects in a vehicle, wherein said device comprises:

- a base;
- a plurality of sides;
- at least one opening for holding at least one of said objects; and
- means for securing said device within said vehicle;

wherein at least one of said sides comprises said means for securing said device;

wherein ~~[[said]]~~ each of said plurality of sides is attached to said base such that said sides and said base form a region for positioning said object or objects therein; ~~[[and]]~~

wherein said opening is positioned between said sides; and

wherein said opening is formed by a plurality of slits on said sides extending from a common point along an edge of at least one of said sides such that said slits are approximately equidistant from each adjacent slit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein said plurality of slits on each of said sides comprises three slits.

1 4. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing said device
2 comprises at least one notch on at least one edge of at least one of said sides.

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4 5. **(Original)** A device according to claim 4, wherein said notch is such that it accepts a strap.

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6 6. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said device is manufactured as a single
7 structure such that said base and said sides are formed by folding said single structure.

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9 7. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said device is constructed from a material
10 selected from the group consisting of cardboard, oaktag, wood, plastic, foam and metal.

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12 8. **(Currently Amended)** A device according to claim 1, wherein at least one [[of]] edge of
13 at least one of said sides comprises at least one connector and said base comprises a plurality of
14 slots for accepting said connector-~~connectors~~.

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16 9. **(Original)** A device according to claim 8, wherein said slots are positioned such that said
17 region of said device for positioning said object or objects is adjustable.

10. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said device comprises more than one opening, wherein each said opening is capable of accepting at least one object.

11. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said base is elongated.

12. **(Original)** A device according to claim 1, wherein said base comprises means for attaching said sides to said base such that the height and width of said device is adjustable.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A device for securely transporting an object or objects in a moving vehicle, wherein said device comprises:

a base region having at least one first connecting means;

a plurality of sides each having at least three edges, wherein each of said sides is attached to said base and wherein each of said sides is attached to another of said sides;

at least one opening for securing said object or objects within said device; and means for securing said device in a stationary position;

wherein a first of said sides is attached to a second of said sides forming a region for positioning said object or objects therein;

wherein said opening is positioned at the top of said region; and

wherein at least one of said plurality of sides comprises at least one second ~~means for~~ connecting means such that said at least one of said plurality of sides is attached to said base by attaching said first connecting means to said second connecting means.

1 14. **(Currently Amended)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said first connecting
2 means ~~for connecting~~ comprises at least one slot and wherein said second connecting means ~~for~~
3 ~~connecting~~ comprise at least one tab such that said at least one of said plurality of sides is
4 attached to said base by inserting said at least one tab into said at least one slot.

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6 15. **(Currently Amended)** A device according to claim 14, wherein said first connecting
7 means ~~for connecting~~ comprises a plurality of said slots arranged such that attachment of said at
8 least one of said plurality of sides to said base is adjustable.

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10 16. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said opening is positioned approximately
11 at the center of said device.

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13 17. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said opening is created by at least two
14 slits positioned at the top of said region.

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16 18. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said opening is formed by a plurality of
17 slits on said sides extending from a common point along the top of said region such that said slits
18 are approximately equidistant from each other.

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20 19. **(Currently Amended)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said means for securing a
21 ~~strap~~ is at least one notch positioned on an edge of at least one of said sides.

1 20. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said device is manufactured as a single
2 structure such that said base and said sides are formed by folding said single structure.

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4 21. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said device is constructed from a
5 material selected from the group consisting of cardboard, oaktag, wood, plastic, foam and metal.

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7 22. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said device comprises more than one
8 opening, wherein each said opening is capable of accepting at least one object.

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10 23. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said base is elongated.

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12 24. **(Original)** A device according to claim 13, wherein said base comprises means for attaching
13 said sides to said base such that the height and width of said device is adjustable.

1 **25. (Currently Amended)** A device for securely transporting an object or objects in a moving
2 vehicle, wherein said device comprises a generally flat and rectangular element, said element
3 having a plurality of first slits, at least one second slit, at least two predetermined fold lines, at
4 least one notch located on a first edge of said element ~~thereof~~, and at least one connector located
5 on a second edge of said element ~~thereof~~,

6 wherein said element is formed into said device by folding said element along said
7 predetermined fold lines and positioning at least one said connector within at least one said
8 second slit,

9 wherein said plurality of first slits extend from a common point along a first of said fold
10 lines such that said plurality of first slits are approximately equidistant from each adjacent slit to
11 form an opening, and

12 wherein said at least one notch is positioned such that said device accepts a fastening
13 means for securing said device.

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15 **26. (Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said common point is at the midpoint of
16 one of said fold lines.

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18 **27. (Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said common point is not at the midpoint
19 of one of said fold lines.

1 28. **(Original)** A device according to claim 27, wherein at least one of said fold lines has a
2 plurality of third slits extending from a second common point along said fold line such that said
3 plurality of third slits form a second opening.

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5 29. **(Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said first slits include slits which are
6 positioned perpendicular to said first fold line and slits which are positioned at forty-five degree
7 angles with respect to said first fold line.

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9 30. **(Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said device is constructed from a
10 material selected from the group consisting of cardboard, oaktag, wood, plastic, foam and metal.

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12 31. **(Cancelled)**

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14 32. **(Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said fastening means is selected from the
15 group consisting of a seatbelt, rope, wire, strap and bungee cord.

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17 33. **(Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said base is elongated.

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19 34. **(Original)** A device according to claim 25, wherein said base comprises means for attaching
20 said sides to said base such that the height and width of said device is adjustable.

1 **35. (Currently Amended)** A device for transporting objects comprising:

2 a base;

3 a plurality of sides attached to said base;

4 an opening; and

5 a means for securing said device;

6 wherein said means for securing ~~a strap~~ secures said device in a stationary position; and

7 wherein said opening is formed by a plurality of slits on at least one of said sides.

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9 **36. (Cancelled)**

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11 **37. (Currently Amended)** A device according to claim 35, wherein said means for securing

12 ~~said device~~ comprises at least one notch on at least one of said sides.

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14 **38. (Original)** A device according to claim 35, wherein said device is manufactured as a single

15 structure such that said base and said sides are formed by folding said single structure.

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17 **39. (Currently Amended)** A device according to claim ~~[[39]]~~ 35, wherein said device is

18 constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of cardboard, oaktag, wood,

19 plastic, foam and metal.

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21 **40. (Original)** A device according to claim 35, wherein said base comprises means for attaching

22 said sides to said base such that the height and width of said device is adjustable.

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41. **(Original)** A device according to claim 40, wherein said means for attaching comprises at least one connector and said base comprises a plurality of slots for accepting said connectors.

42. **(Original)** A device according to claim 35, wherein said device comprises more than one opening, wherein each said opening is capable of accepting at least one object.

43. **(Original)** A device according to claim 35, wherein said base is elongated.